

REMARKS

Careful consideration has been given by the applicants to the Examiner's comments and rejection of the claims, as set forth in the outstanding Office Action, and favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application, as amended, is earnestly solicited.

Applicants note the Examiner's rejection of Claims 15, 17 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over Colgan, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,831,710 A (of record) and further in view of newly cited reference, Carrington, U.S. Patent No. 5,459,598 A, as detailed in the Office Action.

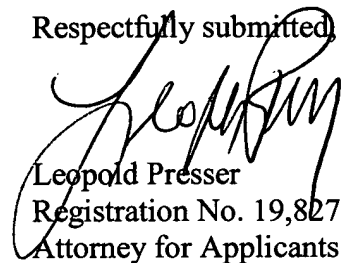
With regard to the newly cited Carrington, U.S. Patent No. 5,459,598 A, although this discloses a minor gap 15 formed in an outer wall-structure, there is no disclosure of the plurality of wall-structures wherein notches are provided in an offset staggered relationship and wherein both walls provide for the narrow spacing to inhibit the flow of the liquid seal there through towards the display area.

Accordingly, in order to more clearly emphasize the foregoing and to clearly distinguish over previously cited Colgan, et al., applicants have further amended Claims 15, 17 and 18 to accentuate the further distinctions of the notches of the wall-like structure being formed, alternatively, in staggered relationship in each of the plurality of dash rows, and also with regard to the wall-like structure, whereby one said wall-like structure forms a barrier to a direct flow of said seal material through gaps formed by the notches in another said wall-like structure. This will clearly indicate that each gap of the respective adjacent wall-like structure formed by notches is not only offset, but offset to a degree as to form a barrier to the direct flow there through of the seal material. The foregoing configuration is not at all disclosed in the previously cited and currently applied Colgan, et al. and even combining this patent with

newly cited Carrington would not lead to the present invention, as set forth in the amended claims.

Accordingly, inasmuch as the claims have been amended to clearly provide structural and functional distinctions over the art, irrespective as to whether the latter is considered singly or in combination, the early and favorable reconsideration of the claims and allowance of the application by the Examiner is earnestly solicited. However, in the event that the Examiner has any queries concerning the instantly submitted Amendment, applicants' attorney respectfully requests that he be accorded the courtesy of possibly a telephone conference to discuss any matters in need of attention.

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